In Loving Memory Of

Pastor Jessie E. Houston

July 29, 1923 ~ July 17, 2001

Homegoing Celebration

Friday, July 27, 2001, 10:00 a.m.

Testimonial Catherdal

Church of God In Christ

5701 South Western Avenue

Los Angeles, California

Bishop J.B. Hackworth

Officiant

ORDER OF SERVICE & PALLBEARERS

PASTOR JESSIE E. HOUSTON

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Order of Service

Pulpit Conductor . . . . . *Supt. Odell Heard*

The Processional

Superintendents, Pastors, Elders, Family

The Invocation . . . . . *Supt. Lawrence Magee*

The Old Testament . . . . . *Supt. Robert E. Peters, Sr.*

The New Testament . . . . . *Supt. Herbert Bryant*

Selection . . . . . *Jurisdiction Choir*

Remarks (2 minutes)

YPWW . . . . . *Eld. R. Jesse, Jr.*

Sunday School . . . . . *Eld. A. Donnell*

Missions Department . . . . . *Supt. Roy Amie*

Evangelist Department . . . . . *Eld. E. Flores*

Pastor . . . . . *Eld. S. Thergood*

Church Mother . . . . . *Mother S. Chappel*

Selection . . . . . *Jurisdiction Choir*

Remarks (2 minutes)

Supervisor of Women . . . . . *Mother Z. Goosby*

Pastors & Elders . . . . . *Eld. Clay*

Superintendent . . . . . *Supt. J. Washington*

Selection . . . . . *Bro. Hampton*

The Acknowledgements . . . . . *Sis. Margaret Smith*

The Resolutions . . . . . *Eld. Logan Westbrook*

The Obituary . . . . . *(Read In Silence)*

Selection . . . . . *Sis. Cenora Williams*

Eulogy . . . . . *Bishop J. Bernard Hackworth, Prelate*

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The Parting View

Recessional

Active Pallbearers

Roosevelt Amos ∞ *Lawrence Barnett* ∞ *Glen Blackmon*
Leroy Hampton ∞ *Jared Sconiers*

Honorary Pallbearers

Willie McKinney ∞ *David Thergood* ∞ *Gene Thergood*
Lawrence Thergood

Interment

Park Lawn Memorial Park
6555 East Gage Avenue, City of Commerce, California 90040

Repast

Will Be Held At
Testimonial Cathedral COGIC

Acknowledgement

The family thanks you for the many acts of loving kindness shown to us during our bereavement. Your thoughtfulness is deeply appreciated and will always be remembered.

Directors In Charge:

Inglewood Cemetery Mortuary
3801 West Manchester Boulevard, Inglewood, California 90305
(310) 412-6811

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A Jewel

"Lord Help Me To Make The Right Decision"

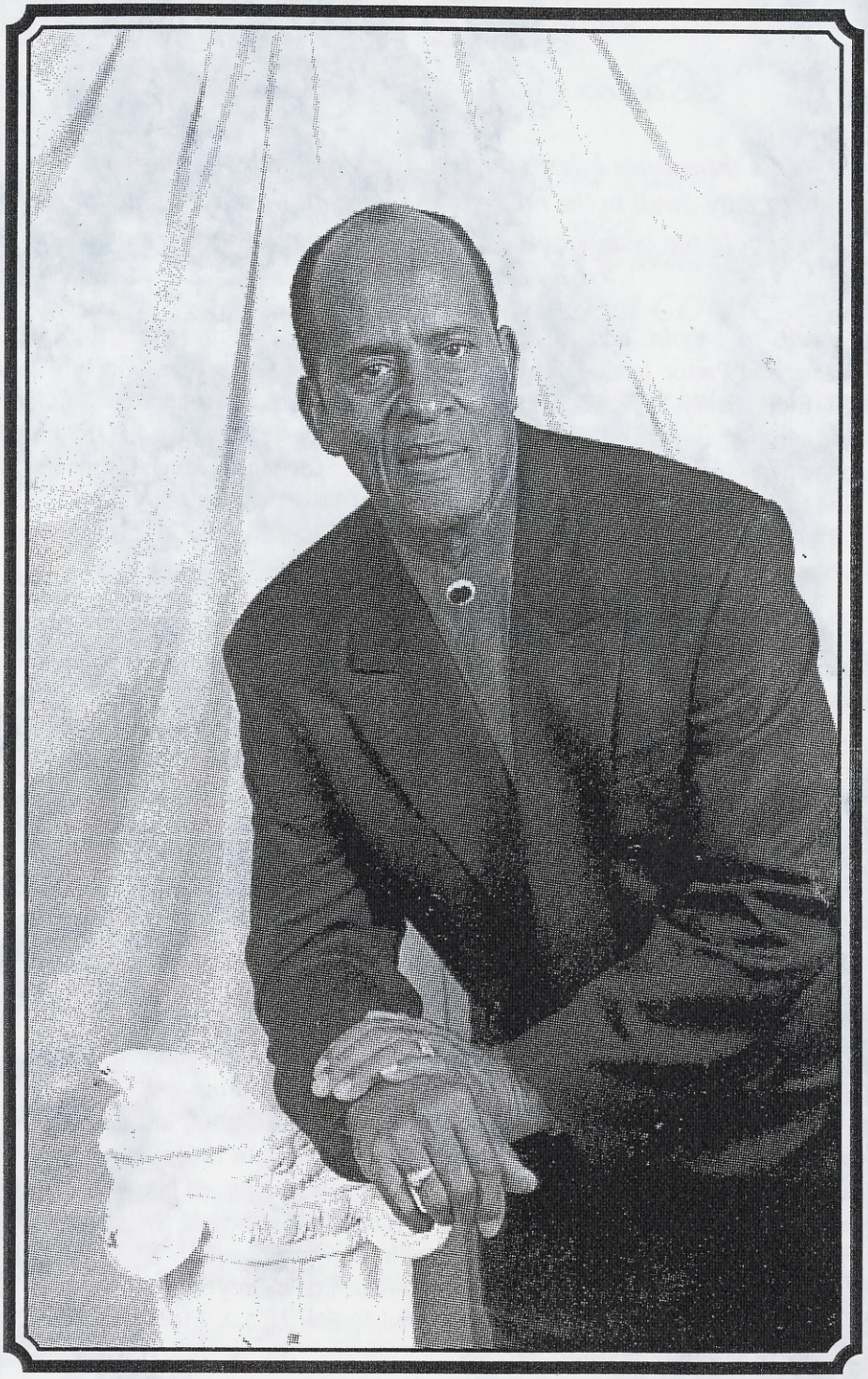
Darling you are very special to me because you were kind, meek, courageous, a husband, father, friend, provider and more than anyone could imagine you were super wise in judgement and character.

As a pastor you lived a clean life, you walked and talked a holy upright life before all. Your leadership exemplified wisdom, and knowledge, you always prayed and sought God for guidance and would say, "Lord help me to make the right decision." Your congregation, friends, and family held you in high esteem and will truly miss your pastoralship, counseling, mannerism, and the way you greeted all with a smile.

As a laymen, you were gifted and skillful with your hands, your talents included: an engineer, interior/exterior decorator, locksmith, plasterer, painter, and so much more.

You will always remain in my heart, I will miss you dearly this is true, but I know you have gone on to a brighter place, where there will be no more sickness and no more pain. And as that old song is sung, "If you get there before I do, save a seat for me."

Until we meet again.
Your devoted wife, Lella



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Reflections of the Life of
Pastor Jessie E. Houston

One thing have I desired of the Lord, that will I seek after;
that I may dwell in the house of the Lord all the days of my life,
to behold the beauty of the Lord, and to enquire in His temple.
Psalms 27:4

To dwell, to behold, and to enquire. These spiritual desires from the Lord characterized Pastor Jessie E. Houston's sincere wishes for his life. On July 29, 1923, Elder Henry Y. Houston, and Mary Ella Wiser welcomed another beautiful infant son to their family. This infant son was baby Jessie. He was the third son and the fifth child. This family comprised of six sons and three daughters, residing in the town of Trinity, Texas. After the death of his first wife, Mary Ella, Elder Henry Houston married Katie Jones, and adopted her son, Willie McKinney. She became a devoted wife and mother.

The six brothers in chronological order are, Robert (deceased), Heron, Abraham (deceased), Joseph (deceased), Willie McKinney and David. Three sisters, Rosetta Thergood, Ruth Murray, and Clarietta Davis all reside in various parts of California.

Pastor Houston was saved at an early age, and steadfastly devoted his life to the Lord. He was called to the ministry in 1953, in Detroit, Michigan. He worked under the leadership of the late Bishop U. E. Miller, as president of the Y.P.W.W. His duties at the time were to visit the sick and shut-in, oversee prayer vigils, and supervise a prison ministry.

While in Detroit, Pastor Houston met Lella Williams, and on April 24, 1953, Jessie and Lella were united in Holy Matrimony with the blessings of Elder Joseph Morris. To this blessed union four children were born, three daughters, Deborah, who earlier preceded him in death, Jacqueline, and La Qunna and one son, Timothy. From a previous marriage were two daughters, Lucy Henry-Houston and Mary Wimbley-Houston. There were also sixteen grandchildren, nineteen great-grandchildren and numerous nieces, nephews, and cousins.

In 1960, Elder Houston moved his family from Detroit, to Los Angeles, where he worked under the late Bishop Samuel E. Crouch. In 1963, Bishop Crouch released him to Bishop B. R. Benbow. Bishop Benbow assigned him to the Good News Church of God in Christ, Elder Houston later relocated the church and renamed it Heaven On Earth Church of God in Christ.

Pastor Jessie E. Houston departed this life quietly and with peaceful dignity on July 17, 2001 at 8:22 a.m., at the Harbor UCLA Medical Center, in Torrance, California.

Tribute From The Church...

To The Memory of Our Pastor

Pastor J. E. Houston

Heaven On Earth Cathedral COGIC

Our tribute in honor of Pastor J. E. Houston, our beloved Pastor. He has been a wonderful pastor to all of us. We were very fortunate to have had him as our pastor, and for this we are sincerely grateful. It is with great respect and reverence, that today; we are paying this tribute to him. Our inadequate words can not express how much we appreciated his many services to us.

Our testaments today, though genuine and truthful, cannot articulate our gratitude, because we all know that he deserves a lot more compliments than we can bestow on him. He has been more than a pastor to us. He was our father, friend, brother, and mentor. Pastor Houston has been our counselor, inspirational advisor, and our spiritual guide. Above all, he has been there for us in our times of need and distress. Honestly and sincerely, we adored him as a man of God, divinely inspired. We are eternally grateful that he availed himself so that God could use him for our benefit. Because of him, our lives ere enormously enriched.

Surely goodness and mercy
shall follow me all the days of my life,
and I shall dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

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A Soldier Goes Home

When I am gone, Release me, Let me go

I have so many things to see and do

You musn't tie yourself to me with tears

Be happy that we had so many years

I gave you my love, You can only guess

How much you gave to me in happiness

I thank you for the love you each have shown

But now it's time I traveled on alone.

So grieve awhile for me, if grieve you must

Then let your grief be comforted by Trust.

So bless the Memories within your heart,

It's only for a while that we must part.

I won't be far away; for life goes on

So if you nee me, call and I will come

Though you can't see or touch me

I'll be near.

And if you listen with your heart, you'll hear,

All of my love around you soft and clear.

And then, when you must come this way alone,

I'll greet you with a smile and welcome Home.